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in New York City



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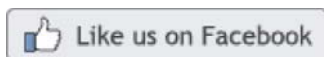
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SAT, OCT 15
THE HOUSE THAT
GRACE BUILT –
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October 9, 2016

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Legend has it that Broadway bends to the northwest at 10th St. because of an apple tree. In the early years of the 19th century, the longtime owner of the lot on which Grace Church now stands was an obstinate Dutchman named Hendrick

Brevoort. Brevoort enjoyed smoking his pipe on summer afternoons beneath the shade of an exceptionally large and beautiful apple tree. When he learned that the city's plans to extend Broadway to the north would claim his tree, he brought to bear on the town planners all the authority he could muster. He persuaded them to bend the road and spare his tree.

The story is told in our parish history book called *Grace Church and Old New York*, written by William Rhinelanders Stewart in 1924. It probably contains as much legend as it does fact, but ten years ago, when we had an opportunity to plant a new tree in the approximate location where Brevoort smoked his pipe, we made sure it was a variety of apple tree. The tree grew and flourished in Huntington Close for eight years, then caught a fungus and died practically overnight. We replaced it with another apple tree, of course. This one is of a heartier variety that will resist the disease that claimed its predecessor. But the only one the arborist could find for us was tiny. It is doing well, but it will be some time before it provides enough shade for anyone to enjoy.

FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FLOWERS!



See **Saturday, Oct 15**

10/23 ENTER the CONVERSATION...



*"Strengthening Our Presence,
Securing Our Future."*

...about the restoration and continued growth of Grace Church. **Join a tour with the Rector, immediately following the 11 am service on Sunday, Oct 23.**

Read more [here](#).

Please pray for...

Alas, now we mourn the loss of another apple tree. If you come to church and notice that things in the rectory yard seem to be amiss, it's because the large crabapple tree, directly in front of the rectory itself, is gone. On Friday, September 30th, two-thirds of the tree collapsed due to its own weight. I was hoping the remaining third could be saved, but the arborist pointed to a deep crack and rot in the base of the trunk. What remained was unstable and would soon fall. The whole thing had to go. Brevoort was able to save his apple tree, but I have none of his powers of persuasion when it comes to nature itself. It's sad because the tree was quite beautiful. Of the three flowering trees in the yard it was always the third to blossom in the spring: first the magnolia, then the cherry, then the crabapple with its white petals.

All is not lost. We will be replacing the crabapple tree with a large and worthy successor that hopefully will blossom in the spring and thrive for decades. We hope the spirit of Hendrick Brevoort, and even more so, the Spirit of the Lord will approve!

See you in church.

[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)

Rector

This Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: Ms. Alissa Anderson

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: Ms. Alissa Anderson

Music: The Adult Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists



Those who suffer

Bea Washington
 Pam Glenn
 The Fahy family
 Betty Nelson
 Tim Morehouse
 Josephine Ferraiuolo
 Howard Small
 Trish Lawrence

and those who have died

John Peter Schultz

THE SUNDAY FORUM is on recess for Columbus Day weekend. See below for details on next week's forum.

NEWCOMERS' CLASS – Continues next week, Oct 16, from 12:30–1:30 pm in the Reception Room.

YOUTH GROUP is on break for the holiday weekend, and will resume weekly meetings on Oct 16. On Oct 30, in place of our regular meeting, youth are invited to volunteer at the children's Halloween Carnival.

NEW SOCIAL HOUR AFTER THE 6 PM SERVICE – Please join clergy and fellow parishioners for conversation and a bite or beverage after the 6 pm service at Milk and Hops (779 Broadway, visible from the chantry door!). This low-key venue works both for those who are only staying for quick refreshments and those who want to stay a bit longer.

Coming Soon

OCT 13 – ECW MEET AND GREET POTLUCK –ALL WOMEN who attend the 9, 11 and 6:00 services are invited to a "No Pressure" pot luck supper hosted by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) on Thursday, Oct 13 from 6:30–8:30 pm. Let's meet for fun and fellowship! Please bring a dish, a snack or a beverage if you are able! [Contact Teresa Conway](#) with any questions.

OCT 15 (SATURDAY) – FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FLOWERS – Ever look at the altar on Sunday morning and wonder – how did they make the flowers look so beautiful? Join the ECW for a bloom-filled class in which Grace's own Ellen McElduff (responsible for some of our most beautiful altar arrangements) will teach us out how to turn two average bodega bouquets into a show stopper! Saturday, Oct 15th, 2:30–4:30 pm in Tuttle Hall for flowers and

fellowship. All are welcome! *Bring 2 "bodega bouquets" of your choosing and [RSVP to Sara Queen](#) for all the details.*

OCT 15/NOV/DEC – SIGN UP FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/GRACE CHURCH BUILD DAYS – As you have no doubt been hearing, we are partnering with Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate a condemned house in St. Albans, Queens for a family in need. Volunteers have already been hard at work since July and would love to have you join them! ***Build dates for fall and winter: Oct 15, Nov 5, 19, Dec 3.*** For more information, photos and to sign up, please visit <http://gracechurchnyc.org/outreach/>.

OCT 16 – RACE, GENDER & THE TEMPEST – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM. To ravish: it can mean rape, or it can mean to enrapture. Combine this duality with issues of race and gender, and you have THE TEMPEST. Let us storm this great play together. With Catharine R. Stimpson, NYU. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served. *During our fall series "Shakespeare and Christianity," leading scholars discuss how Shakespeare's relationship to Christianity is relevant to us now, in 2016, the 400th anniversary of his death.*

OCT 16 – NEWCOMERS' CLASS– THE VARIETY OF MINISTRIES AT GRACE – On Sunday, October 16th, after the 11am service, leaders from various ministries at Grace will come to the Newcomers Class and share about their ministry. We will have light lunch and hear from leaders from our many Outreach Ministries, fellowship groups, faith formation and enrichment, and worship & music. **This class is for newcomers, as well as members of Grace who would like to learn more!** Held in the Reception Room about 12:30 pm. [RSVP to Jennifer Metz here](#) to help us plan for enough food.

OCT 16 – OPEN HOUSE NEW YORK – Grace Church is pleased to participate in this year's Open House New York Weekend, a citywide showcase of distinctive examples of architecture, engineering, and design. Tours of the church will also be offered by our Open Door volunteers from 12–4 pm on Sunday afternoon during usual visiting hours. Visit www.ohny.org.

OCT 16 – REJOICE IN THE LAMB BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN – Choral Evensong will be offered by the Choir of Men and Boys on Sunday, Oct 16 at 4 pm, featuring Britten's moving REJOICE IN THE LAMB.

OCT 23 – STRENGTHENING OUR PRESENCE, SECURING OUR FUTURE – Anyone who wishes to learn more about the next phase of restoring the interior of Grace Church is invited to **join a tour with the Rector immediately following the 11 am Sunday service**. Meet in the front pews of the nave.

OCT 25 – OPEN DOOR MINISTRY FALL RECEPTION (Inquirers welcome!) Open Door is a team of friendly volunteers who **provide a welcoming presence to weekend visitors**, answering questions about our beautiful building and church community. Please join us on Tuesday, Oct 25th, 7–8:30 pm in the Reception Room. We'll enjoy fellowship and be happy to welcome anyone who wants to learn more about volunteering. If you would like to sit with a current volunteer to try Open Door, please [E-mail Singleton Cox with your RSVP](#), or *just to find out more*.

OCT 30 – HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL Sunday Oct 30th in Tuttle Hall from 2:30–4 pm. All children and families are invited for an afternoon of spooky fun and games, featuring mask-making, craft projects, and cupcake decorating. Lend a hand by helping at one of the tables, making a donation, or contributing non-candy snacks. Drop off packaged snacks to the parish office now through Friday, October 28; baked goods can be

brought to Tuttle Kitchen on Sunday morning, Oct. 30 or right before the party. Middle and high school students are especially encouraged to volunteer. [Please contact The Rev. Chase Danford](#) with questions.

NOV 3 – PULLING OUT THE STOPS – Save-the-Date for our first Newcomer Event of the fall! Anyone new to Grace Church may join us on Thursday, Nov 3rd at 6:30 pm for light refreshments and a demonstration of the five thousand pipe Bicentennial Organ led by The Rev. J. Donald Waring and Dr. Patrick Allen. [RSVP to James Romanik](#).

NOV 2, 3 – THE LEADERSHIP OF JESUS – with The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, as part of the Paddock Lectures, at the General Theological Seminary. Wed. and Thurs. November 2–3. For more info and to register go to: www.gts.edu/paddock.

NOV 5, 6 –GRACE CHRISTMAS FAIR Bring your Christmas gift lists as we have fabulous artists and craftspeople selling their wares on both days. On Saturday night is the Festive Opening Reception in Tuttle Hall with Bob Martini and Mary Connally hosting the refreshments table! On Sunday, homemade baked goods will be available for sale in addition to all the hand-crafted goods from our vendors. Sunday's modest \$2 admission fee will be donated to the food pantry at Church of the Village. **Please come and be a part of the fun! Sat., Nov 5, from 5–7 pm and Sun., Nov 6 from 10 am–4 pm.**



Please help [the GO Project](#) raise funds to directly support year-round programming for struggling NYC public school students. [Tickets HERE.](#)

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